
Catholic Education:
We Are
Called To 
Love



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(1 John 4:12)**

March Prayer Service

As people of justice

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Suggested Opening Songs

Be Not Afraid by John Michael Talbot – CBW II #714, Gather #263

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2oSiX1WKg4w>

You are Near by Dan Schutte – CBW II #706

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6QwtsDN4xA>



Opening Prayer

God of love and infinite wisdom,
Instill in us the courage it takes to learn, unlearn, and re-learn to seek the truth
and guide us into action.

Inspire us to serve those who are not always affirmed.
Please provide us with empathy and foresight as servant leaders to support
and empower one another.

As we embrace your wisdom to strive towards reconciliation, let us unite as
one body in Christ.

We ask this through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, one body forever and
ever.

Amen.



Reading: Corinthians 12:12-13, 24b-26

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

One Body with Many Members

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

The Word of the Lord. ***R. Thanks be to God.***



Questions for Personal Reflection

What does Christian justice authentically look like to you? Sound like?
Act like?

Reflect on a time where you have suffered with someone who is suffering. How did you exemplify Christian justice to care for those in need?

Reflect on a time where you rejoiced with those being honored. How did you exemplify Christian virtues to celebrate their joy?



Contemporary Reading

From Pope Francis' 2020 encyclical letter Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship

“A love capable of transcending borders is the basis of what in every city and country can be called ‘social friendship.’ Genuine social friendship within a society makes true universal openness possible.”
(Fratelli Tutti, 2020, No. 99)



Questions for Reflection

What are some of the borders/barriers that are surrounding us that need to be transcended?

What does social friendship look like to you in order to live a life of justice and hope?

How do you see a society of true universal openness lived out in your school community?



Intercessions/Prayer of the Faithful

Let us pray for those in equity-deserving groups who seek justice and reconciliation.

For them, we pray to the Lord...

Let us pray for the conversion of heart of those who oppress and marginalize others.

For this, we pray to the Lord...

Let us pray for our own daily witness that we may contribute to the work of shaping a more just and inclusive society.

For this, we pray to the Lord...



Closing Prayer

God of Renewal and Hope,
You call us to serve others and seek justice for humanity.
Give us the perseverance and the courage to build a more equitable and
inclusive society, both in our schools and in the world around us.
We ask this through Christ our liberator and companion.
Amen.



Suggested Closing Songs

Glory & Praise to Our God by Dan Schutte – Gather #233

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7GiWZG-AI4>

We are Called by David Haas

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgomtlc1_yc

